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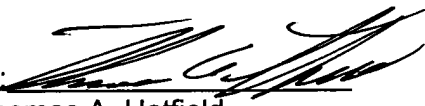
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Claims 1 through 20 have been amended. A clean version of the amended portions is attached as a separate page to this Response.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-20, as indicated below.

sub 7. (Amended) A tracheal cannula for insertion following a tracheotomy into [the] a trachea having a cross sectional area [following a tracheotomy], said cannula having a shaft and a cuff for blocking the tracheal cross-sectional area surrounding the shaft wherein a shaft section extends above the cuff, characterized [such that] in that the section of the shaft lying above the cuff has a window covered by an air-permeable membrane [is constructed such that this is covered by an air-permeable membrane].